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## Newsletter Update Volume 10

Clark County is updating its municipal code and stormwater design manual to comply with Washington's **NPDES Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit**. This newsletter series highlights the latest updates and progress on the project.

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Department of Ecology submits comments

The Washington State Department of Ecology has formally responded to the June 2014 submittal of the proposed updates of the Clark County stormwater manual and codes. The Clean Water Program received their letter on April 7, 2015. Given Ecology's delayed response, we have revised the adoption schedule (see back page).

#### Highlights from the review letter:

- **No major issues or concerns** - The majority of comments request clarification of text for consistency throughout the document and compliance with the new **2014 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington** (issued December 2014)
- **Additional information** - The goal of the Clark County manual is to streamline text where practicable to meet the specific needs in Clark County. Ecology has requested some sections, such as the Best Management Practice design, provide additional information to guide engineers developing stormwater plans in Books 1 and 2 (Applicability, BMPs & Submittals).
- **Books 3 & 4 (Source Control and Operations & Maintenance)** - Ecology had only one minor comment for these two books. Therefore the drafts that are available for review will be very similar to the versions that will be adopted.

#### Reason for the delays:

- Ecology issued a revised NPDES Phase I permit and stormwater manual in December 2014. The new permit has additional requirements to be considered.
- The June 2014 Clark County proposed draft documents were written to the requirements for the 2013 NPDES permit.
- The updated timeline allows us to make changes just once to the new 2014 permit requirements.

Visit [www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater](http://www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater) for links to the permits and draft documents

### Why does clean stormwater runoff matter?

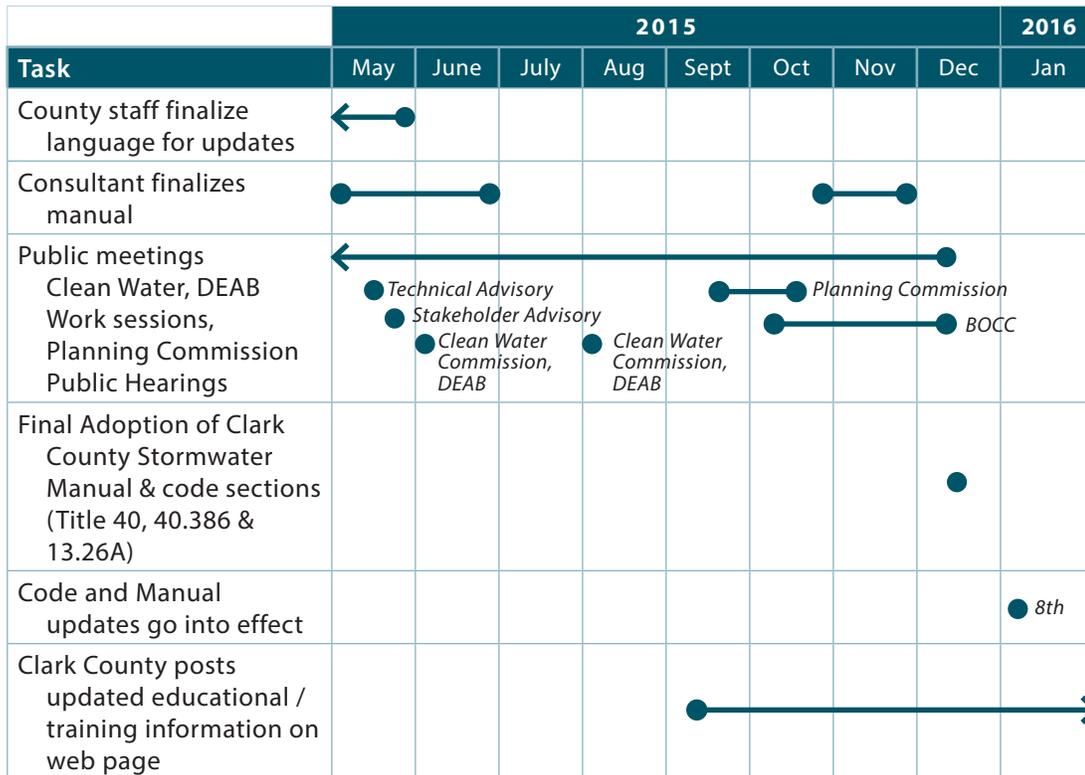
- Runoff from our properties goes right to our creeks, streams and rivers.....*not a treatment plant to be cleaned*
- The fish depend on clean water and a healthy food supply
- We play in our streams, rivers and lakes
- We enjoy the beauty of our rivers that enhance our community



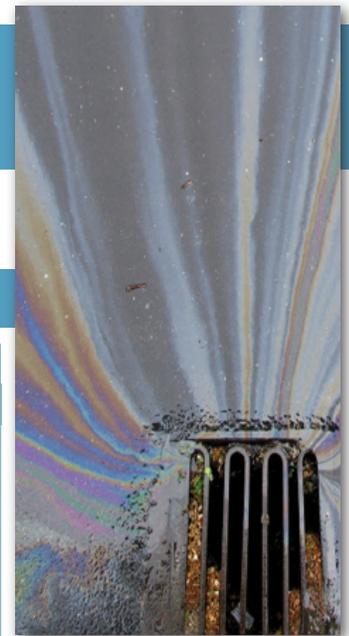
# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## What's next for the code and manual update project?

### Revised schedule for the Clark County Stormwater Manual update



Meeting dates are tentative at this time and may change. Check the web pages to the right for current and updated information including meeting locations, agendas and meeting summaries.



### Important dates to note:

There are several meetings that are open to the public. Visit the Clark County website to find meetings dates and agendas for your area of interest (click the link):

- [Clean Water Commission](#)
- [DEAB](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Board of County Councilors](#)

### Visit our project web page for more information

## FEEDBACK

- Q.** When do these new regulations go into effect? How will this impact my development project?
- A.** Per the schedule above, Clark County will target an adoption date in December 2015 of all required documents. We are then required to have new regulations be effective by January 8, 2016.
- Q.** What if I have comments or suggested changes to the documents? Can I still submit changes?
- A.** Ecology limits edits unless there are specific needs to meet equivalency requirements of the state's manual or provide clarifications. There will be several meetings in 2015 that citizens may attend and provide their feedback, including the [Clean Water Commission](#) and [Board of County Councilors](#).

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(360) 397-2121 or e-mail [cleanwater@clark.wa.gov](mailto:cleanwater@clark.wa.gov)

### Are you looking for more information about LID?

There are several resources you can review to learn more about planning, design, construction and maintenance of Low Impact Development:

- [Department of Ecology LID Resources page](#) - Lists a variety of information including building, planting and maintaining LID.
- [2012 Technical Guidance Manual for LID](#) - A great resource full of technical information to design features.
- [Tour of LID in Clark County](#) - Our booklet and web page point you to examples of LID in our community. Take a tour of the sites to better understand the look and feel of these facilities.